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§1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until March 21, 2001,  
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dated September 21, 2000, for the above-identified patent  
application. The shortened statutory period for response  
expired on December 21, 2000. The requisite fee of \$445.00  
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Respectfully submitted,

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